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In Reply Refer To: 1060 (C010)

Dear Interested Parties,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Kingman Field Office (KFO) has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) for the use of ZonaStat-H PZP on burros within Arizona located inside the Black Mountain Herd Management Area (HMA) in accordance with H-1790-1 and 43 CFR 4700.0-6a and 40 CFR 1508.9. The Preliminary EA is available for viewing at the KFO during business hours and on the ePlanning Portal at the following website:

http://bit.ly/BLM-AZ-KFO-WildBurro

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has proposed this project to the BLM to manage population numbers of wild burros on public lands. This Preliminary EA has been prepared to disclose and analyze the environmental consequences of a Fertility Management Pilot Project, as proposed by the HSUS, as well as to analyze the impacts associated with wild burros and other resources from the application of ZonaStat-H PZP and to determine the feasibility of delivering it safely in a remote setting.

This Preliminary EA DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2016-0004-EA is available for a 30 day public review and comment period. The comment period begins July 15, 2016 and ends on August 15, 2016. Comments regarding the ZonaStat-H EA can be made directly through the ePlanning portal at the above website and must be electronically provided by August 15, 2016. Comments sent in written form and mailed or hand delivered to the KFO at the address provided on this letterhead must be postmarked or received by August 15, 2016.

The BLM will consider any substantive comments and revise the Preliminary EA as appropriate, as long as they are received within the public comment period. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be publicly available at any time. While you can request that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, BLM cannot guarantee that we can accommodate your request.

Thank you for your interest in the management of the Black Mountain HMA burros. If you have any questions concerning the EA, please contact Wild Horse and Burro Specialist Chad Benson at (928) 718-3700.

Sincerely,

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